irrigation, enhancing sustainability of dry land/rainfed farming, National Mission on Bamboo Technology and trade development, restructuring of Crop Insurance Scheme, strengthening and rejuvenation of cooperatives and reforms in agriculture marketing and public extension support systems. These measures are intended to boost investment and employment in the agriculture sector.

* Under Macro Management of Agriculture, Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) for Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals, and Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) are in operation.

* The comprehensive credit policy of the Government contains measures for doubling of agriculture credit flow in three years and provision of debt relief to the farmers affected by natural calamities.

* The Central Government is providing assistance to the State Government under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 for expeditious completion of irrigation projects.

* With a view to ensuring remunerative prices to the growers for their produce and ecouraging higher investment and production, the Government announces each season Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for major agricultural commodities.

Rise in Prices of Vegetables

426. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken into cognizance the steep rise in the prices of vegetables in various cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the comparable figures of previous years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the price-rise has been steeper at retail outlets as compared to wholesale market;

(d) whether such rise in prices is over and above the recent reasonable rise in petroleum products;

(e) whether it is also a fact that despite the rates published by Govenrment, the retailers have continued to charge higher prices; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by Government to contain the prices of vegetables?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has taken due cognizance of the rise in prices of vegetables in various cities and towns in the country.

(b) and (c) Potato and onion are regularly monitored by High Powerd price Monitoring Board headed by Secretary (Coordination) in Cabinet Secretariat. The details of Wholesale Prices Index of vegetables and the month-end Retails prices of Onion, Potato, and Tomato for the period from January, 2005 to June, 2006 as obtained in the retail market centres at State capitals and major cities by State Governments and other official agencies is annexed as Statements (I) and (II) (*See* below).

(d) The rise in prices are also influenced by other conditions such as demand exceeding supply, floods, weather conditions, transportation etc. other than price rise of PoL.

(e) Under Essential Commodity Act, 1955, Department of Consumer Affairs is the Statutory Authority to take action on hoarding etc. The Price Monitoring Cell at Department of Consumer Affairs regularly monitors price rise and take effective action.

(f) Vegetables are sold at reasonable prices through National Dairy Development Board and Mother Dairy's outlets in major cities/towns in the country.

Statement-I

Wholesale Price Index of Vegetables

(Jan. 2005—June 2006)

Comm.	Jan, 05	Feb, 05	Mar, 05	Apr, 05	May, 05	Jun, 05	Jul,05	Aug, 05	Sep, 05	Oct, 05	Nov, 05	Dec, 05	Jan, 06	Feb,06	Mar,06	Apr, 06*	May, 06*	Jun, 06*
Vegetables All	132	125.7	135.7	175.7	182.1	189.3	220.8	208.9	208.9	223.8	233.7	192.9	173.5	143.2	142.3	172.0	177.3	214.4
Potatoes	127.7	138.3	141.5	174.2	192.1	194.7	201.2	198.4	193.8	196.2	238.1	232.9	200.3	178.6	194.2	192.7	200.4	239.5
Sweet potatoes	247.7	229.9	247.6	240.4	196.5	197.8	209.7	243.8	295.1	429.2	413.9	323.8	316.6	313.5	322.7	326.2	323.5	325.0
Onions	125.7	127.2	119	115.9	114.7	112.1	126.4	150.4	218.3	276.3	298.1	220.8	166.5	121.8	114.6	115.0	123.6	129.5
Tapioca1	57.1	157.1	156.5	157.4	157.6	156.3	150.7	151.6	159.1	159.9	159.8	162.3	175.9	194.2	191	202.8	209.7	188.1
Ginger (Fresh)	268.3	291.3	303.2	339.5	379.7	350.2	284	267.6	259.1	224.4	177.1	158.5	155.5	132.1	133.5	121.2	132.1	137.2
Peas green	95.7	108.1	137.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	261.5	218.7	173.8	146.4	144.5	132.7	NA	NA	NA
Tomatoes	99.6	84.4	112.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	200.4	207.9	180.8	248.9	173.4	153.2	92.3	86.4	NA	NA	NA
Cauliflower	133.5	85.7	72.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	259.7	140.9	113.6	101	94.5	95.3	NA	NA	NA
BRINJAL	193.3	178.2	171	209.7	201.2	221.4	365.6	333.6	277.3	380.6	233.1	193.7	187.4	180.9	241.8	192.6	201.7	293.5
OKRA	245.1	235	210.8	195.9	168.2	167.6	187.3	185.9	158.8	162.5	230.8	265.7	280.5	273.2	208.6	166.4	157.9	192.8
CABBAGE	86.6	88.9	88.9	103.4	164.1	214.6	243.6	204.5	195.4	208.6	199.5	178.2	162.4	110	79.6	74.8	77.9	126.7

*Note: WPI From April, 2006 onwards are provisional

Source: Office of the Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

Statement-II

Retail Prices of Potato, Tomato and Onions

Commodity	State Name	Centre Name	Jan. 05	Feb. 05	Mar. 05	Apr. 05	May. 05	Jun. 05	Jul. 05	Aug. 05	Sep. 05	Oct. 05	Nov. 05	Dec. 05	Jan. 06	Feb. 06	Mar. 06	Apr 06	May. 06	Jun. 06
Onion FAQ	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	10	14	16	16	10	8	6	6	6	6	7
Onion FAQ	Bihar	Patna	7	6	7	7	5	6	7	10	14	24	20	10	6	6	6	5	6	7
Onion FAQ	Gujarat	Gandhi Nagar	8	7	8	7	6	8	8	10	14	24	18	10	7	6	6	8	7	7
Onion FAQ	Karnataka	Banglore	4	6	6	6	4	6	7	10	11	18	12	8	7	5	5	5	5	6
Onion FAQ	Kerala	Trivendram	12	12	13	10	11	12	10	14	14	20	20	14	13	14	8	10	9	19
Onion FAQ	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	10	12	20	20	8	6	5	4	4	4	6
Onion FAQ	Maharashtra	Mumbai	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	12	22	20	11	10	8	8	8	8	5
Onion FAQ	Maharashtra	Nasik	5	4	5	5	5	4						5	3	4	4	4		
Onion FAQ	Orissa	Bhubneshwar	7	7	6.5			7	8	11	13	18	17	9	7	6	7	7	7	6
Onion FAQ	Rajasthan	Jaipur				4	4	4	4	4	4		14	14	8	8	8	8	8	5
Onion FAQ	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	8	8	7	9	7	7	8	13	11	18	14	14	9	6	6	7	11	9
Onion FAQ	Uttar Pradesh	Allahabad	7	7	6	7	6	6	8	8	13		25			5	5	6	5	6
Onion FAQ	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	5	5	6	6	5	5	7	10	14	22	18	8	5	6	6	5	5	8
Onion FAQ	West Bengal	Kolkata	10	10	8	8	10	10	12	14	16	28	24	20	8	8	6	8	8	10
Potato FAQ	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	8	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	12	12	16	14	12	12	12	12	12	12
Potato FAQ	Bihar	Patna	4	3.5	6	7	8	8	8	8	7	8	9	5	5	5	6	7	8	9
Potato FAQ	Gujarat	Ghandhi Nagar	8	7	7	9	9	9	9	10	10	12	12	10	9	8	8	10	10	9.5
Potato FAQ	Karnataka	Bangalore	5	6	6	8	8	9	9	5	5	7	12	13	11	10	8	9	10	10
Potato FAQ	Kerala	Trivendrum	8	10	12	12	12	12	14	18	16	16	18	18	20	16	15	16	16	17
Potato FAQ	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	4	4	4	5	6	7	8	8	8	8.5	12	8	7	7	7	8	8	9
Potato FAQ	Maharashtra	Mumbai	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	12	12	20	11	10	10	10	10	10	8
Potato FAQ	Maharashtra	Nasik	6	5	6	7	7	7							12	10	8	8	8	9

Commodity	State Name	Centre Name	Jan, 05	Feb, 05	Mar, 05	Apr, 05	May, 05	Jun, 05	Jul, 05	Aug, 05	Sep, 05	Oct, 05	Nov, 05	Dec, 05	Jan, 06	Feb, 06	Mar, 06	Apr, 06	May, 06	Jun, 06
Potato FAQ	Orissa	Bhubneshwar	4	4	5.5			8	8	7.5	7.5	9	9	9	6.5	6	7	7.5	8	8
Potato FAQ	Rajasthan	Jaipur				5	5	5	5	5	5		12	12	8	8	8	8	8	8
Potato FAQ	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	7	8	8	9	9	8	10	6	7	10	12	12	16	10	10	10	11	9
Potato FAQ	Uttar Pradesh	Allahabad	3	4	5	7	7	7	8	8	8		15			5	5	7	6	10
Potato FAQ	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	3	3	3	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	12	7	5	5	6	6	8	8
Potato FAQ	West Bengal	Kolkata	4	4	6	6.5	7.5	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	7	6.5	7.5	8	8	8
Tomato FAQ	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	8	8	10	8	16	10	16	16	14	16	16	6	6	6	6	16	24	16
Tomato FAQ	Bihar	Patna	6	5	10	8	10	14	24	24	16	20	20	10	4	3	6	4	8	35
Tomato FAQ	Gujarat	Gandhi Nagar	10	10	8	12	10	10	16	20	14	25	16	7	5	6	8	8	15	30
Tomato FAQ	Karnataka	Banglore	5	3	5	4	4	3	7	9	10	12	16	8	8	4	3	7	16	10
Tomato FAQ	Kerala	Trivendrum	14	12	12	16	16	16	20	14	18	24	28	18	14	10	10	22	24	20
Tomato FAQ	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	10	10	12	12	10	10	12	18	10	12	8	6	5	6	6	10	16	32
Tomato FAQ	Maharashtra	Mumbai	12	12	12	10	12	12	14	12	14	14	14	10	6	8	8	8	8	18
Tomato FAQ	Maharashtra	Nasik	6	5	8	12	14	12							4	4	6	6	8	
Tomato FAQ	Orissa	Bhubneshwar	7	7	8			8	12	15	15	18	16	8	6	5	4	6	16	18
Tomato FAQ	Rajasthan	Jaipur				8	8	8	8	8	8		8	8	6	6	8	8	8	10
Tomato FAQ	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	5	8	12	11	4	5	5	10	12	14	15	6	9	3	5	10	17	10
Tomato FAQ	Uttar Pradesh	Allahabad	12	10	10	10	8	8	18	20	20		20			4	5	6	8	32
Tomato FAQ	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	10	8	10	7	6	15	20	20	15	15	15	8	5	5	12	4	8	40
Tomato FAQ	West Bengal	Kolkata	7	10	8	10	24	12	20	24	20	24	22	20	9	3	6	8	15	25

Source: 1. State Government
2. Agricultural Produce Market Committees
3. Market Intelligence Units, Office of the DES, DAC, M/o Agriculture, Govt. of India
FAQ-Fair Average Quality